

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

1. (Currently amended) An icon for graphic visualization of task-oriented steps in industrial control processes, the icon comprising at least one graphic symbol and at least one placeholder implemented as a frame surrounding the at least one graphic symbol, wherein a size of the placeholder is representative of the duration of a task-oriented process step and the icon displays a state change of a task-oriented process step as a change in color of the at least one graphic symbol.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently amended) The icon of claim 1, wherein the icon displays an actual state of a task-oriented process step as at least one of a change in color, size and type of the at least one graphic symbol and a change in a line thickness and a line type of the placeholder.
4. (Original) Use of the icon of claim 1 for graphic visualization of the task-oriented process steps of parts programs in machine tools or production machines.
5. (Currently amended) A method for graphic visualization of task-oriented steps of parts programs in machine tools or production machines with icons, comprising the steps of:
wherein arranging the icons are arranged in form of rows and or columns, with [[and]] each icon graphically visualizing visualizes an individual task-oriented step of a parts program,
wherein associating each row or each column is associated with a particular parts program, [[and]] with a corresponding row width or a corresponding column width of an icon in said row or represents a duration of

~~the task-oriented process step for said parts program, or alternatively, each column is associated with a particular parts program and a row width of an icon in said column representing represents a duration of the task-oriented process step for said parts program, and~~

displaying, upon selection of an icon by a user, the corresponding parts program associated with the row or column in ASCII code or as a step.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the icons comprise at least one graphic symbol and at least one placeholder implemented as a frame and surrounding the at least one graphic symbol, wherein a size of the placeholder is representative of the duration of a task-oriented process step.
- 7.-8. Canceled)
9. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the duration of a task-oriented process step is referenced to a common time axis.
10. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the icons are displayed in a normalized or synchronized form.
11. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein a mutual dependency of the parts programs is visualized by synchronization lines that connect the icons across different parts programs.
12. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the duration of a task-oriented process step is indicated in form of numerical values.